

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

The Stock Market Buoyant and Active.

GOLD DOWN TO 100 3-8.

Government Bonds Strong, States Neglected and Railways Active and Firm.

MONEY ON CALL 1 1-2 TO 2.

WALL STREET.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 4—6 P.M.]

Regarding the Stock Exchange as a vast laboratory in which the experiment of transmuting the base metal of ill luck, impetuosity and general hard times into the golden ore of prosperity is constantly going on, the last few days may be considered as a crucible market, in which prices have crystallized and enough of a cactus formed to promise a fair recompense to believers in advancing figures. As happened yesterday, the unusual combination of a dull market and a strong one still continued to-day. There was not much open day buying of stocks; but a good deal of close and red. This, too, by some of the largest operators in the street, who are extremely modest men when it comes to their advantage to work upon the sly, and who, to turn an honest penny, will not hesitate to conceal from their hand what their right hand is doing. With this spirit of concealment it is not extraordinary that the operators alluded are avowed to hoodwink the street as to their real intentions. Oftentimes, they have been depressing the market; actually, they have been sustaining it. The strong prices in the face of dulness and the sharp answering spurts to even moderate demands for shares, are proofs that all bearish demonstrations were a sham, and that the real object was the accumulation of cheap stocks. To-day's history bears out this presumption. Firmness was the characteristic in general cases and an advance in special ones. The grangars, Lake Shore, the Hannibal and St. Joseph stocks and Central and Hudson were specially prominent in this latter respect. The immense grain carriage is resting in a marked degree upon the earnings of the Vanderbilt properties, while the equally great reduction in the St. Paul receipts fails to affect the price unfavorably. It is of such inconsistencies that the stock market is made up.

RANGE OF PRICES.

Following are the opening, highest and lowest prices of the day, together with the closing quotations:

Open. High. Low. Closing.
est. Bid. Asked.

Albany and Susquehanna... 86— — 26 27

Atlantic and T. R. T. b... 29— — 26 27

Aiton and Terre Haute... 23— — 21 22

Aiton and T. H. P. b... 34— — 30 31

C. O. C. and N. W. b... 31— — 29 30

Chicago and N.W. 34— — 32 33

Chicago and N.W. b... 65— — 60 65

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